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I. Prevent New Introductions of CWD			
A	Through outreach and enforcement of carcass transportation restrictions, the DNR will seek to prevent the movement of whole wild cervid carcasses and potentially infectious tissues from counties with CWD in wild cervids into the rest of the state.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Include a message that appears in GoWild when hunters register a deer. The message would talk about current carcass movement restrictions. (CWD Sponsor Team)	This implementation step has been completed.	✓
	Develop and disseminate a brochure that outlines ways hunters can reduce the spread of CWD, including carcass movement restrictions. (CWD Sponsor Team)	This implementation step has been completed.	✓
	Explore the cost and effectiveness of billboards and paid media (radio, web, print ad buys, etc.) for increased outreach.	The funding available in 2017 has been utilized for other priorities	✓
	Use statewide DNR communication formats to deliver messaging on carcass transportation restrictions.	This implementation step has been completed.	✓
	Add CWD info and carcass movement regs to interactive hunting season DMU map.	This implementation step has been completed.	✓
2018 DEADLINE			
	Include messaging on carcass movement restrictions to the hunting license permit and carcass tag (which per new legislation is not required to be attached).	This implementation step will be pursued in 2018.	⌚




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	The DNR will develop a rule proposal to clarify and establish restrictions with carcass movement consistent with the Recommendations for Reducing the Spread of CWD document.	The department will seek authorization for a scope statement to pursue rule changes.	
B	The DNR will seek to educate hunters on the risks of carcass movement between Wisconsin and other states.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Develop implementation step on making hunters who live in parts of WI that are currently unaffected by CWD aware of the risk of transporting CWD infected carcasses from western states	Gathering information from MI campaign in the UP. Exact implementation step TBD.	
	Create links on our DNR CWD webpage to maps of each state that has CWD in its wild deer/elk populations for WI hunters that hunt in other states	This implementation step has been completed.	
	In consultation with adjacent state agencies, mail a letter or brochure to all non-resident deer hunters who hunt in WI with messaging addressing CWD info and deer carcass movement regulations and recommendations into and within WI.	This implementation step has been completed. Brochure mailed or emailed to all MN hunters and emailed to all non-resident hunters from IA, MI, IL.	
BEYOND DEADLINE			
	Utilize compact licensing systems to provide information to hunters about the risks of carcass movement. (CWD Sponsor Team)	This implementation step will be pursued in 2018.	
C	The DNR and DATCP will continue a cooperative working relationship. This may include efforts to work jointly for federal and/or state funding as available. [Beyond]		
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	As opportunities arise more funding should be made available for DATCP to be able to regulate the captive cervid farm industry and DNR to respond to new detections of the disease in the wild deer herd.		
	The DNR will support Wildlife Health representation on USAHA committees to offer WI wildlife perspective in recommendations that are made to federal regulatory animal health agencies.	The DNR Wildlife Veterinarian attended the USAHA conference in October 2017 and is a representative on several committees that align.	✓
D	Enhanced fencing (e.g. double or electric fencing) for facilities with CWD positive cervids is needed to minimize the risk of disease transmission. [Beyond]		
BEYOND DEADLINE			
	DNR and DATCP will work cooperatively in reviewing rules and applying similar language for any revisions. (CWD Sponsor Team)	DATCP is working on rule language on enhanced fencing. Scope statement approved 2/20/17 by Governor and 3/16/17 by DATCP board. March 2018 hearing date.	⌚
E	The DNR & CDACs will continue to recommend annual statewide deer quotas and seasons designed to keep deer populations at the established population objectives for deer management units. When deer population objectives are reevaluated as part of the statewide unit review process (currently every three years), disease control must be a primary consideration. [2018]		
2018 DEADLINE			
	Expand and enhance statewide and county-specific Deer Health Data information available to CDACs.	This implementation step has been completed.	✓




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	DNR will supply additional herd health information to CDACs when developing population objectives in CWD affected areas.		
F	DATCP will continue to work with the farmed cervid industry to maintain compliance with monitoring, testing, record keeping and cervid movement regulations.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Ongoing DATCP regulation and management of farm-raised deer industry.	Federal reports developed annually	
G	The DNR will develop regulations to restrict the use of cervid urine-based products to those produced by CWD free facilities that use best management practices.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Ongoing DATCP regulation and management of farm-raised deer industry.		
2018 DEADLINE			
	Prominently display messaging on reducing risk of spreading disease in the deer regulations and on the DNR website.	DNR voluntary approach with deer hunters. Information included on recommendations to reduce disease spread on CWD webpage and deer hunting regulations.	
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	Prominently display messaging on reducing risk of spreading disease in the deer regulations and on the DNR website.		
H	Legislation is needed for a statewide ban on the baiting and feeding of wild cervids to reduce the risk of disease transmission and establishment of CWD and other serious cervid diseases in new areas.[Beyond]		
BEYOND DEADLINE			
	Action items requiring statutory change will be determined by the legislature.	Statutory amendments modified deer baiting and feeding prohibitions in August 2017. DNR and DATCP are working together to keep track of CWD positive detections.	
I	DATCP, DNR, & partners will encourage development of biosecurity and management strategies for the captive cervid industry to minimize the risk from CWD positive facilities to wild and farmed cervids.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Timely depopulation of CWD positive facilities when they are condemned.	Statutory authority in place. Condemned facilities require DATCP secretary order. No facilities have been condemned.	
BEYOND DEADLINE			





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	Management of enhanced fencing of positive facilities upon DATCP rule implementation.	DATCP is working on rule language on enhanced fencing. Scope statement approved 2/20/17 by Governor and 3/16/17 by DATCP board. DATCP herd plan/quarantine includes biosecurity stipulations. Proposed rule hearing going to March 2018 board meeting.	
	Encourage captive cervid industry to develop BMPs.	DATCP has encouraged industry and they are working on drafting "BMPs"	
J	Have a proper disposal site for cervid carcasses available in each county, and have these sites posted in the big game rules and regulations.		
BEYOND DEADLINE			
	Pursue multi-partner county pilot project on siting an incinerator as a model for expanded use for target areas with deer carcass disposal challenges.	DNR explored this idea during summer of 2017. Focus shifted to outreach. Survey developed and conducted with landfills and waste haulers in late summer/early fall 2017. Web page on waste disposal options developed in November 2017.	
K	The DNR will continue to allow rehabilitation of cervids in CWD affected counties, and release those rehabilitated cervids back only into a CWD affected areas.		




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	Continue to reviewed annually with the Wildlife Rehabilitation Advisory Council and an annual report on deer rehabilitation to inform this review.	This implementation step has been completed.	
L	The DNR & DATCP will update a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that clearly identifies each agency’s responsibilities and roles for wild and captive cervids.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	A meeting will be held between the two agencies to update the MOU.	This implementation step has been completed.	
M	The authority is needed to develop incentives and penalties for cervid farmers to minimize risk of escapes.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Information on farms with CWD detections will be made available for public awareness of these locations should they observe free-ranging tagged cervids, downed fences, etc.	DATCP map available on agency website (link on DNR website).	
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	Pursue potential rule changes to decrease the number of farms that have multiple escapes. Currently farms need to report escapes but the escape itself isn't a violation. (CWD Sponsor Team)	DATCP is working on rule language on escapes from captive facilities. Scope statement approved 2/20/17 by Governor and 3/16/17 by DATCP board. Proposed rule hearing going to March 2018 board meeting.	
N	When CWD positive facilities are condemned, DATCP may expedite the depopulation of facilities with CWD-positive animals.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Timely depopulation of CWD positive facilities when they are condemned.	Statutory authority in place. Condemned facilities require DATCP secretary order. No facilities have been condemned.	
O	To reduce the number of animals escaping from cervid farms, authority to regulate fencing for all species of farmed cervids should be consolidated. (Currently DNR only has authority on white-tailed deer) [Beyond]		
BEYOND DEADLINE			
	Action items requiring statutory change will be determined by the legislature.		
P	In order to minimize the future risk of disease transmission to wild cervids, the authority to regulate fences of depopulated CWD positive facilities is needed.		
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Q	Increase penalties for illegal baiting violations.		
BEYOND DEADLINE			
	Action items requiring statutory change will be determined by the legislature.		
R	Captive cervid operations should be insured to cover all costs related to the recovery of escaped cervids from that facility.		
BEYOND DEADLINE			
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S	All deer 12 months or older in a deer farm that is on the CWD herd status program that die or are killed should be tested.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Continue to require as per DATCP rule.	Ongoing per DATCP rules for CWD herd status program (HSP) enrolled herds. Deer from a farm not enrolled in the CWD HSP that are 16 months and older that are found dead are tested. Half of deer killed intentionally on a non-enrolled farm are tested. Deer moved live to a slaughter facility are tested at a rate of 25%.	
II. Monitor for and Respond to New CWD Disease Foci			
A	Surveillance strategies will be implemented to detect new areas of CWD outside of the current counties with CWD in wild cervids. These strategies will include encouraging people to report cervids that exhibit signs consistent with CWD.		
2017 DEADLINE			




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	Continue and increase reporting of sick deer.	Reporting of sick deer is currently being done and ongoing with outreach occurring through our Sick Deer page on the Dept. website. It had 2,402 hits in 2016 with a big spike in November. Sick deer are tested statewide.	
	Add new areas of surveillance or improve detection levels in current surveillance areas in response to budget increases from sale of antlerless tags.	In response to budget adjustments from the sale of antlerless deer tags in CWD affected counties, surveillance efforts were increased. Additional counties were added to the surveillance plan to expand and improve detection.	
2018 DEADLINE			
	Identify sampling goals and areas to initiate statewide rotational sampling based on modeled differences in CWD prevalence in time, across space, and for different sex and age classes of deer (update of Osnas et al. 2009 analysis)	Sampling goals and a rotational sample model is being prepared for use for 2018 annual testing.	
BEYOND DEADLINE			
	Work with CDACs to explore the option of required hunter-harvest sampling in select surveillance areas to help detect new areas of CWD outside of known areas of disease presence and increase sample volume.		




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B	In a collaborative process, the DNR and partners will develop a statewide disease response and management action plan template to respond to wild cervid CWD detections in new areas. The action plan should include timeframes for implementation of surveillance and management actions by DNR and partners.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Revise the existing action plan to reflect the availability of current tools and citizen outreach strategies. New detections resulting from wild or captive positives may trigger differing responses. Plan will outline notification responsibilities, surveillance methods, and available response tools.	An action plan template is in development.	
	Utilize the current CDAC structure in CWD affected county surveillance areas to develop citizen support for and information exchange about CWD management and surveillance within the county.	An action plan template is in development.	
2018 DEADLINE			
	Utilize CDAC members and other citizens whenever a new detection is discovered in the wild deer herd in a county where CWD is newly detected. The citizens group would work with DNR to foster citizen engagement with management and standardize the way DNR handles new detections. (CWD Sponsor Team)	An action plan template is in development.	
C	Surveillance will include statewide hunter-harvested wild cervid testing using bona-fide science and a weighted approach that balances efficiency and effectiveness.		
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	Conduct weighted surveillance for areas outside of core monitoring area on a rotation, focus on fringe of endemic region.	Rotational surveillance for areas outside of the core monitoring area have been expanded based on sampling need and available funding. Counties included are: Dodge, Washington, Ozaukee, Fond du Lac & Sheboygan.	
2018 DEADLINE			
	Assess past ability to detect CWD with a set confidence level at some assumed prevalence and use this information to develop a plan to expand surveillance efforts (either through weighted detection or traditional detection sampling) to include a more statewide approach.	Sampling goals and a rotational sample model is being prepared for use for 2018 annual testing.	
D	Testing may be required for all, or a subset of, wild cervids harvested in surveillance areas to achieve monitoring goals.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Enact testing requirements to promote targeted testing goals.	Monitoring goals are being met in some areas. Where goals are not being met, staff are working on ways to improve submission including the communication plan, outreach, and additional ways to submit samples/heads.	




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	Issue CWD surveillance permits to hunters in select areas for access to additional samples.	A standard template has been created to allow hunters in select areas, following a new detection in either a wild or captive deer, additional harvest options with the requirement that the deer be tested.	
	Utilize persuasive messaging on electronic registration to let hunters know when their deer is requested for testing to achieve monitoring goals.	Hunters who call-in to register their deer in areas with sampling goals, are notified of the Department's desire to sample their deer through an automated message. Call center on-hold messaging as well.	
2018 DEADLINE			
	Identify desired detection prevalence in areas where CWD has not been previously detected.	Desired detection prevalence in areas where CWD has not been previously detected will be reviewed for 2018.	
	Explore options for a pilot program of required testing in selected counties with CDAC support.		
	Explore targeted surveillance or additional focused harvesting outside regular hunting seasons.		
	The DNR may explore providing hunter incentives to harvest additional deer in areas of high population and/or disease prevalence.		

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	Assess sampling effort achievement (e.g. ability for detection at what level of prevalence with what confidence interval).	Assessments for sampling efforts (providing information on detection levels in areas where CWD has not been found) are going to be considered for the 2018 sampling season planning.	
E	After the detection of a wild or escaped captive CWD positive cervids in new areas, there will be intensive sampling and testing of cervids in at least a ten-mile radius surrounding the new positive in order to assess the spatial extent and intensity of the outbreak timeline and intensity will be based on surveillance goals, established in consultation with local partners.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Identify samples necessary to detect low prevalence in a 2 and 10 mi radius surrounding a new detection of a positive and conduct surveillance, as well as identify the time frame during which collected samples are still statistically relevant in detecting a given prevalence rate.	Following a new detection, sample calculations are used to assess the samples needed to detect low prevalence (~1%) in a 2 & 10 mi radius.	
BEYOND DEADLINE			
	Work with local partners on how to reach sampling goals including consideration of a list of potential surveillance tools to reach sampling goals and include in Action Template.		
F	If DNR and partners decide that an aggressive course of action is warranted for disease management in new areas of detection, then localized herd reduction tools may be considered in an effort to seek to manage the disease.		
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	Utilize action plan template to facilitate this, as well as, 21-day review to identify tools provided to CDACs for local use to manage the disease (dept, CDAC, public). (CWD Sponsor Team)	A list of tools for potential use is under development.	
G	If any county has a new CWD detection, all captive cervid farms in that county should be tested. [2017]		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Captive cervid farms that had exchanged deer and/or genetics samples with that farm should continue to be quarantined and tested.	There is no approved USDA live test. DATCP is enforcing quarantine and testing requirements.	
III. Control Distribution and Intensity of CWD			
A	The DNR and CDACs will continue to use both traditional and optional season structures, along with antlerless permit issuance to achieve population objectives for wild deer and disease management goals.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	DNR will provide information on the potential results of CDAC management recommendations on CWD management.	This implementation step has been completed.	
2018 DEADLINE			
	All tools and health metrics available to CDACs will be considered in the development of recommendations and objectives that address herd health in population management.	CDAC's are currently informed of available options and the Department Deer Committee considers Herd Health issues when developing and reviewing management recommendations.	







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B	The DNR and partners will review the management plan after receiving new significant scientific information that would impact the plan, in addition to periodic reviews after the 2020 and 2025 deer seasons. Based on these reviews, they will make recommendations on any needed modifications.		
BEYOND DEADLINE			
	Conduct periodic reviews of the CWD Response Plan.	The next review will occur in 2021	
C	The DNR will monitor peer-reviewed research findings and continue to apply management options that may effectively control CWD and can be implemented into the traditional or optional deer season frameworks.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Monitor Peer reviewed research and provide an annual update to the annotated bibliography.	Ongoing review.	✓
BEYOND DEADLINE			
	Provide updates when new methods of CWD management are elucidated.		
	The DNR will implement recommendations on control strategies as supported by peer-reviewed research that fit with traditional or optional deer season frameworks.	This is currently being done. As new information about CWD is discovered DNR will seek to adopt new management options.	✓
D	The DNR and DATCP may work cooperatively with adjacent states on CWD management by updating and/or establishing a Memorandum of Understanding with corresponding agencies in these states.		

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	Review WDNR Memorandum of Understanding with Illinois and establish new MOUs with interested states. DATCP will continue to engage in this capacity as facilitated by USDA (CWD Sponsor Team)	Concept discussed at MAFWA Fish and Wildlife Health Committee meeting in April 2017. Iowa expressed an interest. Discussions will continue at Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference CWD Symposia in 2018. DATCP and other states all follow and fall under a federal umbrella.	
2018 DEADLINE			
	DNR will work collaboratively with adjacent states on CWD management and surveillance.	Work on this implementation step is in progress. WDNR organized a CWD Symposia for Midwest Fish and Wildlife conference in January 2018. WDNR provided technical assistance and information to Montana and Michigan state natural resource agencies. Interagency collaboration with USFWS.	
E	The DNR will conduct sampling and CWD testing that is sufficient to monitor trends in prevalence and disease pattern within historical monitoring areas. The DNR will monitor spatial and prevalence patterns at selected higher prevalence areas and counties with CWD detection in wild cervids.		
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	Increase sampling in outstate areas with CWD detections to meet surveillance goals. Sampling in outstate areas will incorporate numeric goals sufficient to detect disease prevalence levels as advised by the Office of Applied Science.	The DNR sets annual surveillance goals for sampling in historic monitoring areas and in outstate areas. In depth evaluation underway for 2018 surveillance.	
2018 DEADLINE			
	Assess methods to determine sampling power and identify what is a sufficient sample size to detect specific prevalence levels.	Assessments for sampling efforts (providing information on detection levels in areas where CWD has not been found) are ongoing and will inform 2018 sampling planning efforts.	
F	The DNR will explore the use of landowner incentives to meet CWD response plan goals.		
2018 DEADLINE			
	Consult with sociologists, landowners, and local communities to determine the effectiveness of this and identify techniques.	A list of tools for potential use is under development.	
G	Trends in the size of the deer population in counties with CWD positive wild cervids will be monitored using field and aerial survey techniques.		
ONGOING			
	Evaluate use of aerial surveys for monitoring trends in deer populations in CWD affected areas.	We are currently doing this in many SOD counties.	
	Identify the best practice for monitoring deer population numbers.		
	Estimate deer population sizes based on SAK formula.	This is current practice.	




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	Integrate new data sources such as snapshot WI and the road side fawn doe ratio surveys into deer herd monitoring.		✓
H	The DNR and CDACs may consider offering localized hunting opportunities outside the traditional season framework in order to achieve CWD response plan goals.		
2018 DEADLINE			
	Working with CDACs explore the use of CWD surveillance permits and when "break outs" are found localize harvest outside of normal hunting season and herd reduction in consultation with CDAC's per DTR recommendations.	A list of tools for potential use is under development.	⌚
I	In consultation with local partners, the DNR may consider targeted culling of wild cervids on public lands and on private lands where permission can be obtained, in order to achieve CWD response plan goals. [2018]		
2018 DEADLINE			
		The department is not pursuing sharpshooting.	✗
J	Every year the DNR and DATCP will report and make available to the public all related costs associated with CWD management including surveillance, monitoring, research, implementation, & enforcement costs as well as sources of funds used and partner inputs.		
2017 DEADLINE			




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		This information remains available for the public per request. This implementation step would require significant work and the value of doing so for responding to CWD is not evident.	
K	The DNR will define the CWD endemic zone in Southern Wisconsin to differentiate where CWD is well established in the wild cervid population versus areas affected by isolated detections in wild or farmed cervids.		
2018 DEADLINE			
	Define and utilize parameters to clearly delineate the endemic area & utilize data collected to determine management unit specific prevalence rates.		
IV. Increase Public Recognition and Understanding of CWD Risks and Public Participation in Disease Control Efforts			
A	Working with a professional communications firm and partners, the DNR will develop communication strategies that improve public understanding of CWD and engage the public, hunting and non-hunting alike, in managing the disease.		
2018 DEADLINE			
	Need to have a long-term communication plan with funding. Would need to meet with administration and work with OC to talk about options for developing a communications plan.	Work on this implementation step is in progress.	
B	The DNR & DATCP will provide up to date information to the public about CWD status in wild and captive cervids in Wisconsin and ongoing research into the disease.		

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	Continue to provide annual updates on CWD status in wild deer on our web site & enhance efforts on public awareness of our website contents.	This implementation step has been completed and will continue to be worked on.	
C	The DNR will leverage the messaging capabilities of electronic registration to inform hunters on managing risks associated with CWD and encourage testing of harvested cervids.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Include a message on carcass movement restrictions that appears in GoWild when hunters register a deer. (CWD Sponsor Team)	This implementation step has been completed.	
D	Working with a professional communications firm and partners, the DNR will develop communication based on the best and the most recent science available at the time of production, and continue to update communications as new or better information becomes available.		
2018 DEADLINE			
	In place of a professional firm, DNR will work with the DNR Office of Communications to develop a long-term communication plan with consistent funding.	Work on this implementation step is in progress (e.g. Wild Wisconsin web series, YouTube videos, podcasts, etc.).	
E	The DNR, DATCP, & DHS will monitor public opinions about CWD management in order to develop messages and delivery mechanisms that enhance public understanding of the risks associated with CWD, and foster public engagement in managing CWD.		
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	Monitor public opinions about CWD management and develop messages and delivery mechanisms that enhance public understanding of the risks associated with CWD, and to foster public engagement in managing CWD.	Work on this implementation step is in progress.	
F	To assess the impacts of outreach and education efforts, the DNR, DATCP, DHS, & other agencies, as appropriate, will support and/or conduct social scientific and economic studies to monitor behaviors and attitudes of the public in general on a regular basis, especially in response to a change in CWD management strategy.		
2018 DEADLINE			
	Support and/or conduct social scientific and economic studies to monitor behaviors and attitudes of the public in general on a regular basis, especially in response to a change in CWD management strategy.	Work on this implementation step is in progress.	
V. Address the Needs of Our Customers			
A	The DNR, DHS, & DATCP will continue to provide meat processors and taxidermists with information on ways to reduce risks when disposing of cervid carcass waste.		
2018 DEADLINE			
	This is currently being done and could be further expanded in a communication plan. (CWD Sponsor Team)	Work on this implementation step is in progress.	
B	The DNR and WVDL (Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory) will support efforts to seek to develop quicker and less expensive sampling and testing procedures.		
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	Continue annual meetings between DNR and WVDL to review previous year's progress. Identify any process improvements that can be implemented for the current season.	A meeting occurred between DNR and WVDL staff on August 30th, 2017 to review testing protocols and submission guidelines for the 2017 season.	✓
	Collaborate on research involving testing procedures when possible.	We are currently working with USGS-NWHC researchers on evaluation of different methods of detecting prions in rectal tissue. Other research requests are reviewed as they are received.	✓
2018 DEADLINE			
	DNR Lean Six process to review all steps in sample submission from hunter to results return.	The Lean Six process was completed and resulting recommendations on field operations efficiencies are being incorporated for 2017 deer season. Testing turnaround survey to hunters implemented for 2017 deer season.	✓
C	The DNR will ensure that hunters have continued access to CWD testing in areas with the highest prevalence of CWD.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Maintain sampling stations in the high prevalence area.	Sampling stations have been maintained in high prevalence areas. In addition, more self-serve kiosks have been added.	✓




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D	The DNR, DHS, & DATCP will continue to provide hunters with information on ways to reduce risks when field dressing, butchering, consuming, & disposing of cervids.		
2018 DEADLINE			
	Expand upon these efforts in a communication plan and include deer regulations, web content, and license sales locations. (CWD Sponsor Team)	DNR, DHS, and DATCP continue to provide information on reducing risk.	
E	The DNR & DHS will monitor and support research to better assess the risks that CWD may or may not pose to humans.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Continue to monitor new research and to support CWD research.	Work on this implementation step is in progress.	
F	The DNR, through the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program, and in conjunction with local and community organizations, will cooperate with food pantries and meat processors in CWD affected counties to provide hunters an avenue for donation of harvested deer in excess of their personal needs. [2017]		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Advertise the pantry program through DNR communication channels.	This implementation step has been completed.	

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G	The DNR, DHS, & DATCP will continue to work with local governments, landfill operators, & municipal wastewater treatment facilities to increase their understanding of the safety and cost-effectiveness of landfilling cervids in order to increase the availability of landfills for carcass disposal.		
2018 DEADLINE			
	Meet with Landfills and wastewater treatment facilities on identifying solutions to deer waste challenges.		
H	The DNR will explore alternative strategies for reducing or recovering costs and/or privatizing hunter service testing such as developing opportunities that would allow hunters to collect their own samples or charging testing fees to partially cover costs of sample collection and testing.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Pilot a self service testing kit sampling strategy.	A self-service testing kit pilot is in it's second year. We have expanded to a new area were people aren't as familiar with testing their deer.	
I	The DNR and DATCP will continue to support and cooperate with research to better assess the risks that CWD may pose over time to livestock, including farmed cervids.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Review tissue requests through the Research Collaboration and Review Committee for projects that provide enhanced information of CWD, especially in relation to free-ranging WTD (can include new testing strategies).	We welcome such requests and will review them accordingly. One inquiry in October 2017.	



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J	The DNR will continue to offer indemnification to landfills that accept cervid carcass waste.		
2018 DEADLINE			
	Expand outreach to landfills regarding CWD positive carcass waste and identify solutions.	Work on this implementation step is in progress.	
K	The State should restore funding for carcass removal and CWD testing of car-killed deer.		
BEYOND DEADLINE			
	Carcass removal authority has transitioned to the Department of Transportation and we will not pursue action at this time.	The 2017-19 state budget has transferred car-killed deer collection to DOT.	
ONGOING			
	Sample car-killed deer when logistically convenient and provides required samples to meet surveillance goals.	The sampling of car-killed deer is currently being used as part of detection surveillance in areas where wild or captive new foci have been identified.	
L	The DNR will continue to cooperate with DHS to maintain the registry of persons known to have consumed venison from CWD-positive deer.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Continue to cooperate with DHS to maintain a consensual registry of persons known to have consumed venison from CWD positive deer.	This implementation step is done annually, has been completed and is ongoing.	

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M	The DNR will actively market the pantry program to encourage an increase in hunter harvest, if necessary, in CWD affected areas.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Actively market the pantry program to encourage an increase in hunter harvest, if necessary, in CWD affected areas.	This implementation step has been completed and is ongoing.	✓
N	The DNR will partner with others to seek funding from nongovernmental organizations to help meat processors offset the costs of processing and storing donated venison.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	The DNR will partner with other public agencies and private organizations to seek funding to help meat processors offset the costs of processing and storing donated venison.	DNR increased fees to meat processors enrolled in the venison donation program for the 2017 deer season. Discussions with nonprofit organizations have occurred and are ongoing.	✓
VI. Enhance the Scientific Information about CWD			
A	The DNR will continue to cooperate with outside researchers by sharing tissues & data and may initiate or collaborate on research when appropriate.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Support of white-tailed deer survival study in the high prevalence portion of the state.	This is currently being done.	✓




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	The DNR will collaborate on CWD research and continue to offer tissue samples and data through the Research Collaboration and Review Committee process.	We have made the research community aware of the availability of our tissue archive, We are collaborating with the University of Wisconsin, and the National Wildlife Health Center. Discussions underway with WVDL.	
BEYOND DEADLINE			
	The DNR will provide data to USGS for their disease spread and growth models to further understand the dynamics of the disease in WI.	Dialogue will occur between researchers and DNR. Incorporate into research priority review process.	
	The DNR may fund CWD research of specific objectives or pertaining to unfilled knowledge gaps about the disease as funding is available.	Dialogue will occur between researchers and DNR. Incorporate into research priority review process.	
	Provide funding for post-doc positions with cooperating agencies.	Dialogue will occur between researchers and DNR. Incorporate into research priority review process.	
ONGOING			
	Review tissue requests through the Research Collaboration and Review Committee for projects that provide enhanced information of CWD, especially in relation to free-ranging WTD (can include new testing strategies).	We welcome such requests and will review them accordingly. One inquiry in October 2017.	

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B	An evaluation of the economic impact of the Wisconsin deer herd on the state’s economy is needed to better understand the overall impacts of CWD.		
BEYOND DEADLINE			
	Refine research questions that could be included in an economic assessment of WTD.	Dialogue will occur between DNR, researchers, and economist. Incorporate into research priority review process.	
	Consult with the department economist.	Dialogue will occur between DNR, researchers, and economist. Incorporate into research priority review process.	
C	Funding is needed to support applied management-focused research on CWD, and to promote research into prion biology that may, in time lead to effective procedures for prevention and/or treatment of CWD in cervids and decontamination of environments.		
BEYOND DEADLINE			
	Fund more research of specific objectives or unfilled knowledge gaps.	Dialogue will occur between researchers and DNR. Incorporate into research priority review process.	
	Provide funding for post-doc positions with cooperating agencies.	Dialogue will occur between researchers and DNR. Incorporate into research priority review process.	

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	Determine knowledge gaps that need to be filled.	Dialogue will occur between researchers and DNR. Incorporate into research priority review process.	
	Seek proposals for use of the Almond Farm or make it available as a research site for studies on environmental contamination and decontamination strategies.	Dialogue will occur between researchers and DNR. Incorporate into research priority review process.	
D	The DNR will continue to develop methods for assessing the progression of CWD distribution and prevalence in wild cervids, and its ecological impact for Wisconsin.		
2017 DEADLINE			
	Conduct a major research project to evaluate the impacts of CWD on deer populations in the southern part of the state in cooperation with partner agencies.	DNR is conducting a major research project on CWD effects of deer populations and cooperating with USGS-NWHC on methods to monitor disease spread.	
	Cooperate with external agencies by data sharing to increase scientific statistical rigor in disease distribution assessment.	We currently provide data to all requests. USGS-NWHC provides us maps and distribution changes annually.	
	Annual in house distribution and prevalence assessment.	The annual distribution and prevalence assessment will be prepared following the 2017 deer season. Annual assessments are done following each CWD sampling season.	
2018 DEADLINE			

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	Assess past ability to detect CWD with a set confidence level at some assumed prevalence and use this information to develop a plan to expand surveillance efforts (either through weighted detection or traditional detection sampling) to include a more statewide approach.	Assessments for sampling efforts (providing information on detection levels in areas where CWD has not been found) are going to be provided for planning for 2018 sampling efforts.	
	Expand surveillance efforts (either through weighted detection or traditional detection sampling) to include a more statewide approach based on risk and detection goals.	This will be evaluated for the 2018 deer season.	



Complete



Will not be done



In progress